



Superintendent Signature Approval Request Form

General Information

Department: _____

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Date: 10 – 13 – 2020

Brief description of request:

I am requesting approval from the Lowell Public Schools to complete my research study during the 2020 – 2021 school year, for my doctoral degree in the UMASS Lowell Educational Leadership program. The title of my study is Examining the Formative Assessment of Writing Practices of Middle School ELA Classroom Teachers.

Dr. James Nehring is listed as the principal investigator and is also my dissertation chairperson. With his supervision this study will be conducted ethically ensuring that the privacy of all parties involved is protected. He will also assist with the data analysis and creation of research-based recommendations to improve the practice of middle school ELA teachers. I have completed the IRB process with UMASS Lowell and their determination was that my study does not meet the conditions for human subject research and as such does not require their oversight. A copy of this determination has been included in this packet along with the HRP – 504 Investigator Study Plan that details exactly how the study will be conducted.

Matthew Stahl, principal at Dr. An Wang Middle School has given me permission to conduct this study at the school and has offered his full support in the process.

Enclosed is a copy of the IRB determination, a copy of the investigator study plan which was submitted for review by UMASS Lowell's IRB, and a cover letter explaining the goals of the study.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stephen L. Silva
English Language Arts Teacher
Dr. An Wang Middle School
UML Doctoral Candidate – Educational Leadership Program

Supervisor: Principal Matthew C. Stahl

Signature: 

Cabinet Member: _____

Signature: _____

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Finance Review (if needed): ☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments: _____

Finance Signature: _____

IT Review (if needed): ☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments: _____

IT Signature: _____

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